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Microsoft Settlement

I find the proposed settlement with Microsoft a selling out by the Justice Dept to the Corporate thug it says it regulates. These slap on the wrist provisions do nothing to stop the juggernaut that Microsoft has become. If the Justice dept really wants to help the American public then fine Microsoft in the same manner as the EU but instead keeping the money give it to Microsoft competitors such as Netscape, Caldera Linux and others. Then make Microsoft disclose the workings of the operating system API's especially the file system api which is prohibitively expensive to secure. Microsoft is waging war against the open software groups by keeping this information secret. Without the money and intellectual assets of Microsoft independent software vendors cannot hope to compete. Microsoft not only invades the browser market but almost any software market with its tactics. One can only hope that while the Justice dept is attacking the browser market that Microsoft is not making significant headway in other software markets. If Microsoft is not stopped they will one day control and own the software market as a whole. The extreme greed of this corporation is depraved.